

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

Claims 1, 30, and 33 have been amended to state that the core strand is solid. This is supported in the original disclosure on the last line of page 11, "full" being an obvious mistranslation of "solid" in that it is contrasted with "empty" or "hollow."

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